

EMBERIZA SCHOENICLUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum conicum.

Mandibulae basi deorsum a se invicem discedentes:
inferiore lateribus inflexo-coarctata, superiore
angustiore.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 308.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, ♂c.

EMBERIZA castaneo nigroque varia, capite ni-
gro, collari albo.

EMBERIZA capite nigro, corpore griseo ni-
groque, rectricibus extimis macula alba cu-
neiformi.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 311.

PASSER TORQUATUS f. ARUNDINACEUS.

Raj. syn. p. 93. A. 3.

Juxta aquas, ut plurimum, versatur, et in arundi-
netis nidificat nido arundinibus asixo Emberiza
Schoeniclus, in conspectum præcipue veniens æf-
tivo tempore. Non raro etiam infidet sepibus, et
more congenerum, seminibus vescitur.

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THE
REED BUNTING.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill conical: Mandibles separating a little from the base downwards: the sides of each mandible bending rather inwards.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

EMBERIZA variegated with chesnut and black; with black head and white collar.

GREATER REED SPARROW.

Raii Syn. p. 93. A. 3.

Will. orn. p. 269.

Br. Zool. 1. p. 277.

This bird, which is by no means uncommon during the summer months, is most frequently to be found near waters, and in the neighbourhood of reeds, amongst which it fastens its nest. It is also often seen in hedges, and feeds, like the rest of its congeners, principally on seeds.

